

Gap Funding: Financial Support for Families at Start Young Providers



Safety Net

Who: Families encountering a financial setback

- Immigrated to US past 6 mos
- Health issues preventing parent from working
- Lost job and seeking employment
- Loss of family member who financially supports
- Given birth (in past 2 mos)
- Homeless/Temporary housing

What: Monthly payments to centers, renewable up to 3 months

- Infant (0-18mo) = \$800/month
- Toddler (19-30mo) = \$775/month
- Pre-K (31 mo-5yr) = \$575/month

Subsidy Waiting Period*

Who: Families who have applied for DCF child care subsidy, but are waiting to access those funds while their application is approved

What: Monthly payments to centers, renewable up to 3 months, designed to match what subsidy would cover.

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- Toddler (19-30mo) = \$775/month
- Pre-K (31mo-5yr) = \$575/month

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Supplemental

Who: Families receiving DCF subsidy with additional, demonstrated financial need.

Eligibility determined based on # of criteria met:

- 250% of federal poverty limit or lower*
- Eligible for Head Start/EHS, but waiting for a spot
- **Have remaining tuition costs higher than \$100/month that subsidy does not cover.**

What: Monthly payments to centers, renewable after June 30, 2023

- Infant/Toddler/Pre-K = \$100/month

Children must be 4 years or younger on August 31, 2022 to be eligible for gap funding in this school-year. (Can turn 5 in the school-year, but must not be eligible for Kindergarten.)

Scholarship*

Who: Families whose income is just over the cutoff for the initial DCF subsidy application, but otherwise meet criteria for the subsidy.

- Up to 275% Federal Poverty Limit
- All adults working a minimum of 20 hours weekly
- Denied child care subsidy due to eligibility requirements

What: Monthly payments to centers, renewable after June 30, 2023

- Infant (0-18mo) = **\$600/month**
- Toddler (19-30mo) = **\$500/month**
- Pre-K (31mo-5yr) = **\$400/month**

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How to Access:

1. Family completes gap funding application that applies to their situation, submits via email or mail
2. TFC Child Care Subsidy Advocates determine eligibility and confirm enrollment with directors
3. If eligible, advocates send an agreement to families and copy directors on the amounts TFC will fund
4. If ineligible, advocates contact family and provide other resources as available
5. Advocates send invoice(s) to center by 5th of each month, confirming enrollment with directors
6. Directors sign invoice(s) by 8th of each month, and payment is distributed by check in the mail
7. Advocates meet with families to track progress through goals set at initial meeting
8. Directors and families contact advocates when enrollment changes and/or income changes